

10 May 1963

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Deck Cargo of Partizan Bonivur

1. [redacted] Soviet dry-cargo ship Partizan Bonivur [redacted] left Havana harbor bound for the USSR. [redacted]

[redacted] the ship carried various items of military equipment topside. Among these, according to the Navy report, were "7 ZIL-121D truck-tractors and GUIDELINE system asso. oxidizer transport-trailers; 1 SANDAL system asso. water truck." The Navy cable and photographs have been reviewed by representatives of OSI, ORR, OCI, and NPIC.

2. Based on this preliminary review, we believe that the water truck observed is a general item of military support equipment and is not solely or peculiarly associated with the SS-4 (SANDAL) system. Trucks similar to this one are found elsewhere in Cuba in various Soviet military installations.

3. The seven items identified by the Navy report as oxidizer transport-trailers are more difficult to assess. We cannot say with assurance that they are not associated with the SAM system. However, we have not noted them at any SAM site in Cuba, although they may be included among the many "unidentified" vehicles reported at the various SAM assembly areas. Pending further examination by NPIC, we believe that these items probably are bulk liquid carriers such as those needed for transport of POL. If these transport-trailers are in fact a part of the SAM logistic supply, they would be the first SAM-associated equipment observed leaving Cuba since the equipment arrived. In this case, they may be returning to the USSR for repair or replacement; we have no other indications, from any source, of dismantling of the SA-2 system in Cuba.

Referral review by NIMA completed.

NAVY review(s) completed.

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